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DAILY THOUGHT.

Endeavor to ascertain what is the

particular defect of temper into which

you are the most liable to fall, and

make a point of setting a strong

guard over yourself in that particular.

—GROVER.

THE COUNTY'S CONDITION.

"The roads will yet bankrupt the

county," declared a county official

this morning. "There have been

spent on the roads during the past

year nearly \$24,000, I am told. The

amount that should be spent, and is

needed for the roads, is something over

ten thousand dollars. The county is

now in a deplorable fix, and it is all

due to the roads."

The people of McCracken county

seem to do not know the full sig-

nificance of those words. That the

county will yet bankrupt the county,

however, is certain at the present rate

the money is being wasted on them.

The county gets about \$60,000 in road

taxes. The money is

received about September, and

when the last taxes come in, there was

money enough overdrawn, owed and

deducted to sinking funds to reduce

the debt to about \$5,000. There is now

in the treasury, we are informed,

about \$5,000 to run the county un-

til the next taxes come in, which will

not be before September, and perhaps

not then.

It costs about \$1,000 a month to run

the county, not including the cost of

upping up the roads, and all

the work on the roads will

have to be done before the next

taxes come in. The total cost

of upping up the roads is more than

as much as it should be. It

should be about \$5,000 a year, but

it goes over \$20,000, and even

that we have little to show for it.

The work is not substantial, and the

roads are not in good condition a great

part of the year, no matter how much

money is spent on them. In winter

they are washed away or covered with

deep mud, and in summer they wear

away and form dust half a foot thick.

It is just as bad one year as the next,

no matter how much more money may

be spent.

This brings us face to face with the

question of the roads. If it is true

that the roads are going to bankrupt

the county, something should be done

to prevent it while there is yet time.

The money that is spent on the

roads is wasted, and does not procure

any substantial improvements. It is

clear that some other method of

working them must be devised. The

people must not be made to contribute

to such wanton extravagance. If there

is any "graft" of any kind in the

business, the beneficiaries of it

must find something new.

The remedy suggested time and

again by The Sun for the road evil is

the placing of gravel on all the roads.

The road is never satisfactory, while

gravel is both substantial and satisfac-

tory, and cannot be washed away, or

blown up like the work of many

months on a dirt road, in a night or a

day. It would be slow work to gravel

the roads, but the county should do as

much as possible each year, and when

the work is finally accomplished, we

will have something to show for it.

—GROVER.

REMARKS BY THE REVIEW

President Roosevelt renders the

case in the Behley case that it is

very well rendered; it will again dem-

onstrate his fair-mindedness, and

showing that this is a very

wise judgment. It was a very

wise judgment, one way or the other.

The reason for this is that

Admiral Sampson has made a brave

and officer, and naturally has and has

many friends, his friends and followers.

In the case of the Behley case, the

case was not a brave and honorable

case.

THE MEASURE

OF SUCCESS.

There never was so much

advertising as now, and the

reason is apparent to every

observing student of the time.

It is simply that there was

no great necessity for

advertising. In fact, there is

no advertising today in the or-

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out the amount of ad-

vertising done fairly meas-

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